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PREFACE.

THE fact that asthenic gout is much more prevalent in the present day than when the late Dr. Todd first enunciated his views on the subject, together with the circumstance of later writers not alluding either to the form itself, or the absolute necessity for a tonic plan of treatment, is the best plea the author can put forward for publishing this *brochure*.

In the present age of competition it must be admitted that the arduous duties and responsibilities appertaining to the various professions have much increased a large class of diseases dependent upon general debility and defective nutrition, among which the asthenic form of gout holds a prominent position.

I have availed myself, while writing the various chapters, of the writings of Scudamore, Cullen, Sydenham, Copland, and others, as well as of the more recent writers on gout. Especially have I availed myself of the late Dr. Todd's valuable lectures; and I hope in every instance I have acknowledged the sources from which I have derived information.

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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTION.

THE views of late writers on the treatment of gout are not applicable to the majority of cases presented to us in the present day. The value and importance of studying the late Dr. Todd's views, especially in relation to the asthenic form to prevent the development and recurrence of the malady, should be the aim of the practitioner. The tendency of the paroxysm to occur in low and depressed states of the system—in India either from malaria or anæmia, in England from excess of brain-labour or combined in some instances with a too rigidly ob-